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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/769,970	<b>Applicant(s)</b> PROROCK ET AL.	
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 8.

Identification of prior art discussed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The crux of the application lies in the coupon being stored in a personal or global pool. However, examiner notes that those features will require further search in related prior art. Also discussed was the use of "if" statement in claim 1. By using the broadest reasonable interpretation the "if" statement and subsequent features in claim 1 are optional and should be amended in other that the claim may be positively recited and also for logical clarity..

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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